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STILL NO SIGN OF HIM?
NO, MY LORD--
BORN IN SMALLVILLE BUT BELIEVING HIMSELF SUPERIOR, HE MURDERED HIS FATHER TO ESCAPE SMALL-TOWN AMERICA AND BUILT AN EMPIRE ON HIS GENIUS. THE SWORN ENEMY OF SUPERMAN, HE HAS VOWED THAT THE WORLD WILL TURN ITS BACK ON THE MAN OF STEEL AND INSTEAD EMBRACE HUMANITY'S CHAMPION... AND FUTURE RULER...
LEX LUTHOR

--AND MAY I SUGGEST THAT THE NIGHT OF A FESTIVAL--
--MAY NOT BE THE BEST TIME TO MAKE OUR INQUIRIES?
UARRGGH!
OH, IT'S OF NO MATTER.
THE HIGH EMOTION SETS THEM OFF, AND THE HIGH TIDE.
IT SENDS THE HUMORS OF THE PUSTULES INTO THE CITY.
EXCUSE ME, A MOMENT.
GLEEAGH!
THIS MAN ATTACKED HIS LIEGE.
GIVES ME AN EXCUSE, ANYWAY.
A SMALL PLEASURE, BUT NICELY TAKEN.
NOW--

"--THE TIDE SHOULD HAVE EBBED.
"I SHALL MAKE MY YEARLY INSPECTION OF THE PUSTULES."
I RECALL THE PATH EXACTLY... EVEN THROUGH THE THOUSAND TRAPS I HAVE SET.
FOR DID I NOT BUILD THIS CITY ATOP THESE BEAUTIES?
GUARD CAPTAINS, I KNOW THIS IS MERE RITUAL--
--BUT ALLOW ME TO AFFIRM AGAIN. IT IS PROPHESIED THAT THIS MAN WILL COME, FOR HOW ELSE COULD HE "MAKE HIS PRESENCE FELT"?
THAT HE WILL NOT WISH ME WELL, BUT THAT HIS ADVENTURE WILL GRANT ME GREAT HAPPINESS.
IT IS HE THIS CITY IS SET TO TRAP AND KEEP, TO MAKE SURE OF THAT CONSEQUENCE. FOR DEATH WAS ALSO MENTIONED. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?
NO, MY LORD.
AYE, FOR INDEED...
--HE MAY NOT YET BE BORN.
BUT I CAN WAIT. HAPPINESS FOR ME IS CONQUEST--
--I MAY HAVE CENTURIES OF IT BEFORE HE ADDS HIS CONTRIBUTION!

17TH CENTURY...
Hmph.
18TH CENTURY...
YOU'RE RIGHT, MY GOOD NATURAL PHILOSOPHER, THE WORD OF A SOOTHSAYER IS WORTH LITTLE, HOWEVER--
19TH CENTURY...
--YOU KNOW, IT'S GETTING REALLY HARD TO HOLD ONTO THIS PLACE--
20TH CENTURY...
--"BOHEMIA" SOUNDED SO MUCH BETTER THAN "CZECHOSLOVAKIA"...

LATE 20TH CENTURY...
WAIT! THAT'S HIM!
THIS, SCANDAL, IS THAT MAN I TOLD YOU ABOUT.
WHO MUST ONE DAY MEDDLE WITH MY PUSTULES.
WHICH SO FAR HE SHOWS NO SIGN OF DOING. Hmm...
DAILY PLANET
NEW LUTHOR OUTRAGE
THERE IS A VAGARY TO PROPHECY. CHANCE MUST NOT BE DISTORTED BY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE.
SHOULD WE ENCOUNTER THIS MAN, WE MUST SHOW NO SIGN OF KNOWING HIS DESTINY. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
YES, FATHER.
GOOD. NOW WHAT WERE WE DOING?
AH, YES, KILLING AQUAMAN.
ONWARD!
DAILY PLANET
NEW LUTHOR OUTRAGE

A FEW YEARS AGO.
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THIS MAN, FROST HAS KILLED THE FLASH?
HARDLY. IT'S SOME ILLUSION.
LUTHOR, WE'VE MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS...
...MIGHT I OFFER YOU HOSPITALITY?
I HAVE A FINE RESIDENCE IN THE CZECH CITY OF--
SAVAGE--

--WE'RE NOT FRIENDS.
I DON'T ASSOCIATE WITH "SUPER-VILLAINS" UNLESS IT'S TO LEAD THEM.
THEY HAVE MASTER PLANS AND COSTUMES AND PRETENSIONS.
WE HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON.

EXCUSE ME.
THIS HAPPENED BETWEEN PANELS IN FLASH #124.
--Meticulous Matt.

A FEW MONTHS AGO.
IT'S AGREED, THEN. WE HAVE COMMON AIMS. TO GET BACK TO EARTH. WE'LL WORK TOGETHER, AS EQUALS AND FRIENDS.
Heh.
MY NATURE GIVES ME A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON ONE SUCH AS YOU, LUTHOR.
CHANGING LIKE THE WIND. HERE AND GONE IN A MOMENT.
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
YOU MIGHT SHORTLY MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL DESTINE YOU FOR LASTING GREATNESS.
ONCE WE RETURN TO EARTH, IF YOU WOULD WILLINGLY COME TO ONE OF MY FACILITIES, IN THE CHARMING CZECH CITY OF--
Hmm...
--TO DO LIST, POINT ONE--
DAMN HIM--!
--HE IS TURNING MY PROPHECY INTO A MERE--
AND THIS DURING THE CLIMAX OF SALVATION RUN.
--MereTicious Matt!

"--DREAM!"
NOW. LEXCORP FACILITY, WOOMERA, AUSTRALIA.
--TEN... EXTRUSIONS...
ONLY TEN!
ALL TEN!
CHANGE THOSE TEN, AND--
--AND--!

--POWER!
LEX, WHAT--?!
MANY GREAT SCIENTISTS HAVE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN DREAMS.
NOW I HAVE, TOO. I'M SURE OF IT.
THE BLACK SPHERES--
--ALL THAT OUR ANALYSIS OF THEM HAS REVEALED IS THAT IN THEIR INITIAL CONDITION THEY'RE REMNANTS OF BLACK LANTERN ENERGY--
--STORAGE POINTS FOR THAT ENERGY, PERHAPS WITH SOME SORT OF CONNECTION TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.
WHEN WE ANALYZE THEM, WE CHANGE THEIR NATURE. I HAD THOUGHT THAT A SOURCE OF POTENTIAL POWER. BUT IN MY DREAM--
--THE POWER COMES NOT FROM INVESTIGATING THE SPHERES, BUT FROM CHANGING THEM.
ALL TEN. OF WHICH WE HAVE SO FAR CHANGED TWO.
LEX, THAT'S GREAT!

AFTER YOU WERE INJURED, I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D GO INTO YOUR SHELL--
--BUT HEY, YOU GOT YOUR MOJO BACK!
IT WAS MY "NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE," LOIS--
--THAT CONVINCED ME THAT MAJOR POWERS WERE WATCHING ME. BECAUSE MAJOR POWER WILL SOON BE MINE.
OH, LEX. COME ON.
YOU WERE IN A COMA.
WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED--
--THAT'S GOTTA BE A HALLUCINATION YOUR "DEATH" DIDN'T EVEN HAVE SKIS!
LET'S NOT ARGUE, LOIS. NOT NOW.
MY DREAM MEANS I CAN TAKE ACTION.
FOUR OF THE REMAINING SPHERES ARE IN SPACE. THE LOCATION OF TWO OTHERS...
...IS PROBLEMATIC AND DEMANDS AN INDIVIDUAL APPROACH.
BUT AS TO THE REMAINING TWO...
...WE DON'T HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IN ANYTHING COMPLICATED.

A TEST MISSION? I SUPPOSE WE COULD...
WE'RE STILL INTEGRATING THE THANAGARIAN TECH WITH THE APOKOLIPTIAN. WE WON'T BE READY FOR INTERSTELLAR FLIGHT FOR AT LEAST--
THAT'S NOT YET REQUIRED
THIS WILL BE JUST LIKE A VISIT TO OUR SPACE STATION, WHEN WE WERE SETTING UP THAT PART OF THE PLAN. TODAY I WANT TO LAUNCH--
-A SATELLITE
WITH A REMOTE BLACK LANTERN ENERGY SENSOR ABOARD?
YOU'RE PLANNING TO CHANGE THE CONDITION OF SOME OF THE SPHERES--?
--FROM ORBIT.
SO WE CAN PROCEED TO DEALING WITH OUR MORE DIFFICULT TARGETS. THESE TWO ARE NEATLY TOGETHER.
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I SHOULDN'T THINK--

"-- ANYONE WILL EVEN NOTICE."
NOTHING'S CHANGED. GOOD, GOOD...
YOU SAY THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF LUTHOR?
HE'S ONLY GOT A FEW DECADES OF LIFE LEFT!
WHEN IS HE GOING TO MAKE HIS--
WHAT IS THIS?!
WHAT IS THIS?!

MY PUSTULES NO LONGER MAKE ME FEEL ANGRY!
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY--
ARE FIGHTING AS PEOPLE DO, BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE!
YOU TWO--!
--THIS WAS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!
YOU HAVE BROKEN YOUR OATH!
B...BUT EVERYTHING INDICATES HE HASN'T COME HERE, SIR--
DETAILS! WHAT DOES YOUR CRIME REQUIRE?!
YOU DARE--?!

ARRGGHHHH!
SCHPLO OOCKKK
MODERN PEOPLE! PAH!
PERHAPS THAT WAS THE DEATH THE PROPHECY MENTIONED. BUT THEN WHERE IS MY HAPPINESS?!
IT WAS PROMISED TO ME!
SO IT SEEMS I MUST GO AND FETCH IT!

LEXCORP HEADQUARTERS, METROPOLIS. THE NEXT DAY.
DAMN IT, MONIQUE!
I KNOW MR. LUTHOR'S STILL ON HIS WAY BACK FROM AUSTRALIA.
I WANT TO MEET WITH HIM VIRTUALLY.
TELL HIM IT'S SEBASTIEN MALLORY. HE'LL TAKE THE CALL. TRUST ME.
MR. MALLORY.
IF THIS IS LEXCORP--
--YOU'RE AT THE END WHERE YOU GET YOUR NOSE RUBBED IN IT.
FORCING YOUR WAY IN TO SEE THE BOSS, NO MATTER WHAT GREAT IDEA YOU'VE HAD--
--THAT GETS YOU CORPORATELY DEAD, AND MAYBE ALSO--
--WHAT IS--?
I DON'T--!
KA-BLAM!

AN HOUR LATER.
LEXCORP CONTROL TO L.C.1, CLEAR FOR LANDING.
KATY SOUNDED KIND OF STRESSED OUT
I DID WHAT YOU SAID, I CLEARED THEM FOR LANDING.
I WAS GOING TO HAVE LUNCH WITH A MATE OF MINE--
--BUT HE SAYS HE WAS JUST TOLD "ALL APPOINTMENTS OFF."
I'M SORRY, GENTLEMEN, WE'LL RESCHEDULE.
SOMETHING'S UP WITH THE CENTRAL DATA FEED...
TCH WHILE THE CAT'S AWAY...

MS HILDEBRAND!
WHERE IS THAT WOMAN?! SHE SHOULD HAVE HAD A LIGHT LUNCH READY FOR--
--EX--
THE POWER SUIT--!
IT'S IN THE FLIER! I'VE JUST TRIED TO CONTACT SPAL
--SPAL--
--SPAL--
--SP--!!

YOU.
WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS?
I'M FOLLOWING PROPHECY, LUTHOR.
WHAT I DO NOW MUST BE ALREADY WRITTEN--
--FOR I HAVE NOT YET HAD MY HAPPINESS.
I KNOW YOU CARE NOT FOR THESE MERE EMPLOYEES--
--BUT YOU SURELY MUST ABOUT PRECISELY PLACED EXPLOSIVES THAT WOULD END YOUR EMPIRE.
AS TO WHAT I WANT--

--HAPPINESS IS CONQUEST. CONQUEST IS POWER. POWER IS KNOWLEDGE.
I MUST BE HERE TO TAKE THIS KNOWLEDGE FROM YOU.
TELL ME HOW TO FIND THE REST OF THESE--
--AND WE'LL LEAVE.
THINK VERY HARD ABOUT YOUR ANSWER, I HOLD IN MY HANDS EVERYTHING YOU HAVE BUILT
I CAN SEE I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE.
YOU'VE SHUT DOWN MY SECURITY, BESIEGED MY BUILDING--
--AND PREVENTED ME FROM SUMMONING--

NEXT: DIE HARD vs. DAD

KNOCK! KNOCK! KNOCK!
zzZzzZz
SNOOOORE!
GOOOOD MORNING, AWESOME NEW ALIEN FRIENDS!
RISE AND SHINE! WE'VE GOT A BIG DAY AHEAD OF US!
MGGGH. IS HE JOKING? WHAT TIME IS IT?
OOOOH. WOW.. I HAD WAY TOO MUCH OXYGEN LAST NIGHT..
SERIOUSLY, EARTHDUDE, WE COME IN PEACE-- UNLESS YOU TRY TO WAKE US UP BEFORE NOON
THEN THIS GETS UGLY REAL QUICK
NONSENSE! MORNING IN METROPOLIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANNA MISS!
ECK. I TRIED TO WARN YA.
DWAVV.. KILL INSOLENT HUMAN--
KILL HIM YOURSELF. I'M TOO HUNG OVER.

NOW, NOW, NOBODY'S GONNA BE KILLING ANYBODY. AFTER ALL, THAT SOUNDS LIKE IT WOULD BE PRETTY EXCITING--
AWH! THE LIGHT! IT BURNS!
--AND EXCITEMENT'S NOT SOMETHING WE GET A LOT OF HERE IN METROPOLIS!
METROPOLIS...
...THE QUIETEST BIG CITY IN THE GALAXY!
OH YEAH TOTALLY MY IDEA
JIMMY OLSEN'S
BIG WEEK
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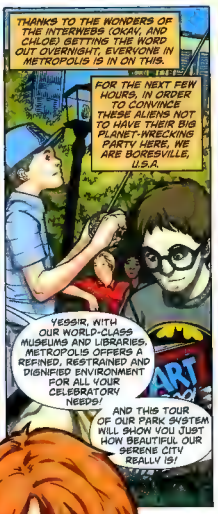
TRUST ME, YOUR PEOPLE'S WILL LOVE METROPOLIS! IT'S A PLACE THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN COME TO ENJOY A NICE, QUIET GETAWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF YOUR NORMAL LIVES!

THEY'RE COMING!
OKAY, YOU KNOW THE EXPRESSION "SOMEBODY CALLED THE FUN POLICE"?
YEAH, WELL, I DID.

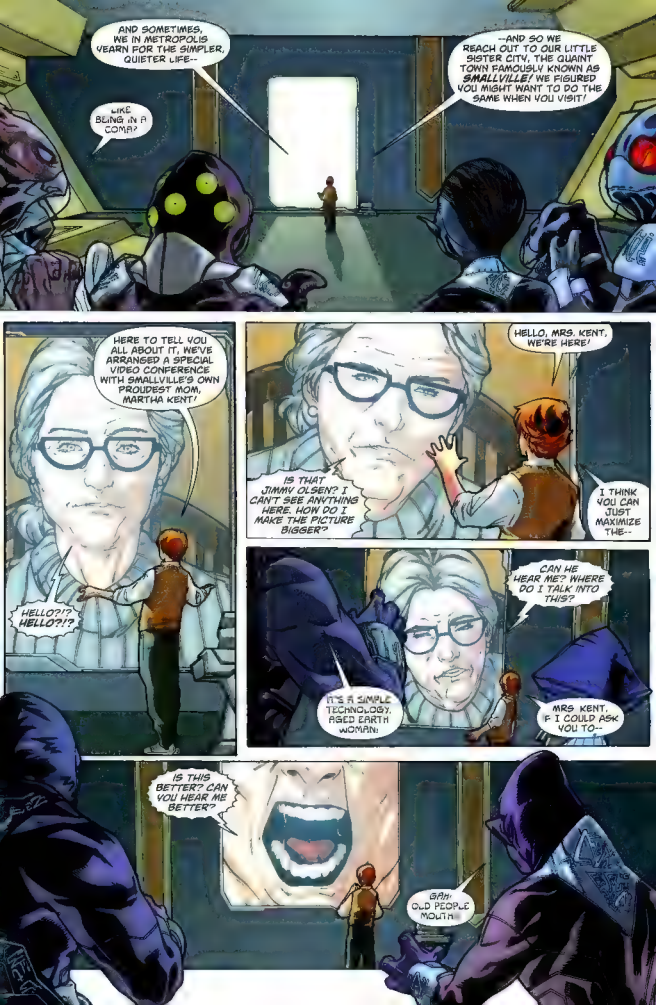

THANKS TO THE WONDERS OF THE INTERWEBS (OKAY, AND CHLOE) GETTING THE WORD OUT OVERNIGHT, EVERYONE IN METROPOLIS IS IN ON THIS.
FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS, IN ORDER TO CONVINCE THESE ALIENS NOT TO HAVE THEIR BIG PLANET-WRECKING PARTY HERE, WE ARE BORESVILLE, U.S.A.
YESSIR, WITH OUR WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES, METROPOLIS OFFERS A REFINED, RESTRAINED AND DIGNIFIED ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL YOUR CELEBRATORY NEEDS!
AND THIS TOUR OF OUR PARK SYSTEM WILL SHOW YOU JUST HOW BEAUTIFUL OUR SERENE CITY REALLY IS!

CLUBS
YEAH GREAT, TREE TIME IS THE BEST. BUT TONIGHT WE WANNA HIT SOME BARS, GOT IT?
OH, UH, WELL-- SORRY, BUT BARS ARE ONLY OPEN IN METROPOLIS ON WEEKENDS--THAT'S ABOUT ALL WE CAN HANDLE, I'M AFRAID...BUT DON'T WORRY!
CLOSED

WHO NEEDS A NIGHT CLUB WHEN YOU'VE GOT A BOOK CLUB? AMIRITE?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE METROPOLIS LITERARY SOCIETY IS PROUD TO PRESENT SELECTED READINGS FROM "THE RAINS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO"--
--AN AS-YET UNPUBLISHED NOVEL WRITTEN BY THE DAILY PLANET'S OWN PERRY WHITE.
"SHE WAS COLD--NOT FROM THE OVERCAST WEATHER, RARE ENOUGH IN THIS TOWN, BUT FROM THE TOO MANY HEARTBREAKS SHE HAD BEEN MADE TO ENDURE AT THE HANDS OF MEN WHOSE CARINGS CEASED WHEN THEIR DESIRES WERE MET.
"--HE PLACED A TREMBLING ARM 'ROUND HER SHOULDER AS THE RAINS BEAT DOWN ON THEM. THEY LOOKED UP AT THE CLOUDS AND CURSED, KNOWING THEIR MOMENT OF SEPARATION DREW NEARER.
"TIME AND FATE WOULD CONTINUE THEIR SLOW ABUSE."
WOW, FASCINATING STUFF, CHIEF. AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING ON THIS?
'BOUT EIGHTEEN YEARS NOW. EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OVER ONE THOUSAND PAGES.
Mm. FASCINATING
I'D LIKE TO READ ANOTHER PASSAGE NOW, FROM A BIT LATER IN THE BOOK.
THIS IS... THIS IS BREATH-TAKING... HORRIBLE
SO HELP ME... IF I EVER FIND THIS SAN LUIS OBISPO, I SWEAR TO DESTROY IT!

NOW, FOR OUR NEXT STOP, I'VE ARRANGED SOMETHING I BET DURVELLA WILL REALLY LIKE--
AT THE YARN BARN!
NOO!
--AN AFTERNOON OF SHOPPING WITH THE GIRL OF STEEL, OUR VERY OWN SUPERGIRL
YAAAAY!
JIMMY, CAN I TELL YOU A SECRET?
LIKE, "SECRET IDENTITY" SECRET, OR "I DON'T FLOSS" SECRET?
I ACTUALLY DO LIKE TO KNIT DOES THAT MAKE ME BORING?
DOES THAT...MAKE YOU BORING?
YOU'RE THE LAST DAUGHTER OF A LONG-DEAD PLANET, YOU WERE TRAINED BY WONDER WOMAN, YOU'VE BEEN TO THE FUTURE...
...AND YOU THINK MAYBE KNITTING MAKES YOU BORING? I THINK YOU'RE GOOD.
AWESOME AND WE'RE DONE HERE?
UH, PRETTY MUCH, YEAH.
COOL. BECAUSE I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO CHECK OUT THE YARN BARN.
I AM SOOOO DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.


AND SOMETIMES, WE IN METROPOLIS YEARN FOR THE SIMPLER, QUIETER LIFE--
--AND SO WE REACH OUT TO OUR LITTLE SISTER CITY, THE QUAINT TOWN FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS SMALLVILLE! WE FIGURED YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO THE SAME WHEN YOU VISIT!
LIKE BEING IN A COMA?
HERE TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT, WE'VE ARRANGED A SPECIAL VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH SMALLVILLE'S OWN PROUDEST MOM, MARTHA KENT!
HELLO?!? HELLO?!?
HELLO, MRS. KENT, WE'RE HERE!
IS THAT JIMMY OLSEN? I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING HERE. HOW DO I MAKE THE PICTURE BIGGER?
I THINK YOU CAN JUST MAXIMIZE THE--
CAN HE HEAR ME? WHERE DO I TALK INTO THIS?
IT'S A SIMPLE TECHNOLOGY, AGED EARTH WOMAN!
MRS. KENT, IF I COULD ASK YOU TO--
IS THIS BETTER? CAN YOU HEAR ME BETTER?
GAH! OLD PEOPLE MOUTH!

WELCOME DALWYTHIANS
NOTHING I AM ABOUT TO THROW UP HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HOW DRUNK I WAS LAST NIGHT...
WHAT... WAS THAT?
SERIOUSLY. I DON'T THINK I CAN HANDLE ANY MORE OF THIS.
I KNOW, ISN'T IT JUST AMAZING HOW MUCH WE HAVE TO OFFER HERE? YOUR PEOPLE WILL LOVE--
ARE YOU KIDDING? THERE IS NO WAY WE ARE GONNA PARTY HERE. LIKE, EVER. THIS IS THE LAMEST, DUMBEST, MOST BORING PLACE I'VE EVER SEEN. NO WONDER SUPERMAN DITCHED YOU-- IF I LIVED HERE, I'D START WALKING, TOO!
THIS PLANET IS NOTHING LIKE THE JERSEY SHORE SAID IT WAS GONNA BE
WANNA GO BOMB SOMETHING NOW.
GUYS, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE START TO SUCK, TOO.
ARE YOU SURE? I MEAN, METROPOLIS WOULD BE HONORED TO--
IN YOUR DREAMS, BOWTIE!

LATER, DORKBALLS!
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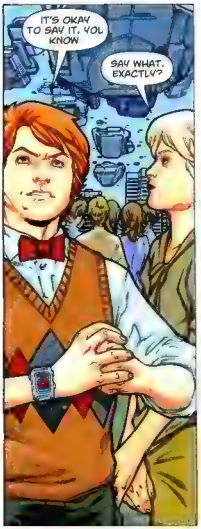
IT'S OKAY TO SAY IT, YOU KNOW.
SAY WHAT, EXACTLY?

I DID KINDASORTA JUST SAVE THE WORLD AND ALL.
YOU DID? REALLY? 'CAUSE I SEEM TO REMEMBER YOU TELLING ME NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THIS AND THAT YOU WERE GONNA GO HOOK UP WITH THE CHICK FROM AVATAR.
PRETTY SURE I JUST SAVED THE WORLD

OKAY, OKAY, HOW ABOUT THIS-- WE SAVED THE WORLD. HEY, THAT'S QUITE A TEAM WE MAKE, RIGHT?
NICE TRY, JIMMY--

--BUT YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO DO A LITTLE BETTER THAN THAT.
OKAY, AT THIS POINT, I GOTTA ADMIT: I'M STUMPED.

I MEAN, I THOUGHT CHLOE DUMPED ME BECAUSE I'D GOTTEN BORING AND WHATNOT. NOW I'M ALL OUTSMARTING WASTED ALIENS AND PREVENTING PARTYOCALYPSE, AND STILL--NOTHING!
PIZZA
BUT HEY, WHAT DO I CARE? I'M DOING FINE. HAN SOLO.
FREE AS BIRD
LONE LIKE WOLF
SO WHAT IF SHE WANTS TO HANG OUT WITH STUPID SEBASTIEN MALLORY?
WHAT'S HE GOT BESIDES, YOU KNOW, LIMITLESS MONEY AND GOOD LOOKS AND AN APARTMENT WHERE EVERY ROOM ISN'T THE LAUNDRY ROOM?
WHO CARES. SHE WAS JUST SLOWING ME DOWN. I DON'T NEED HER, RIGHT? I DON'T NEED ANY--
METROPOL CITY
AH, WHO AM I KIDDING?
SMA
OW!
HEYA, OLSEN.

MISS LANE!
YOU GOT THE FRANK STANLEY THING DONE?
UH, YEAH, LEMME SEE, SHOULD BE RIGHT OVER HERE--
HEY, JIMMY--
YEAH?
WHO'S FRANK STANLEY?
UMM, SOMEBODY WE'RE DOING A STORY ON?
WOW. YOU ARE NOT TAKING THIS BREAKUP WELL, ARE YOU?
WHY DOES EVERYONE KEEP SAYING THAT? I'M--
NUH-UH. DON'T TRY THAT ON ME, KID. GET UP. WE GOTTA GET YOU A SHOWER, A HAIRCUT, AND... A WORKING IRON.
UM, OKAY--BUT WHY?
BECAUSE, JIMMY, WE--
--ARE GONNA FIND YOU A NEW GIRLFRIEND.
NEXT MONTH: JIMMY OLSEN, LADIES' MAN!

From Pilgrim Batman and all of us at DC Editorial:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, DC NATION!

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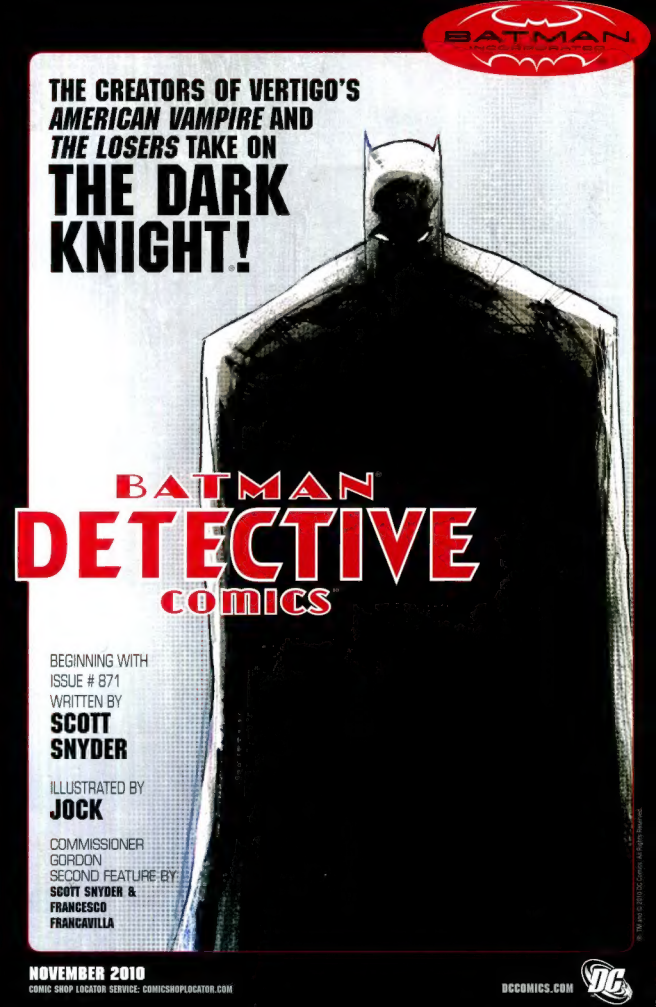

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